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* * * * * NEXT MEETING * * * * *

Thursday, nov 18

7:00 PM

Redwood

Multipurpose Center

3100 S. Redwood Road

Salt Lake City, Utah

NOVEMBER

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Karen Secor
will talk about
Ogden History



Lorin Farr, first mayor of Ogden
Built the first sawmill



C. W. Cross
made leather harnesses



Judge H. H. Rolapp
made exploding bricks



President's

Message

Our regular Club meetings for 2004 will end this November and then we will have the Christmas party in December. Thanks again for everyone's help, those who supported the club by coming to the meetings, the folks who helped set up and stayed to help put chairs and tables away, and the officers who worked hard to make everyone's meeting fun! We have the task of appointing new officers this month. Please let me know if you're interested in any position of the club. Because we charged admission at the coin show, we are able to give a coin of appreciation to all our officers for their extra work this year. We hope this gift of appreciation will be continued in future years to encourage folks to step up to be officers! There will be a lot to give away at Christmas. Be there and have fun.

Karen and I did not get out to detect much in November, but we did hit the beach of Pineview. If you ever wanted to dig pop tops and lead sinkers—go to Pineview.

At the Trails West club meeting in Ogden their President and Vice president Jay Atchison and Bob Lichtenberg gave the Club extra magazines to raffle or hand out. They went to a metal detecting dig in Nevada where about four clubs met, and they had a ball. Thanks Jay and Bob for giving our club a stack of Nov/Dec 2004 Western and Eastern Treasures, and Gold Prospector magazines.

Rich



Welcome new members Eldon Farnsworth and Andrew Benson

November 18, 2004 NUTS Meeting

At the Redwood Multipurpose Center

Bring your Finds of the Month The winner of each category gets a silver dime. The Treasure Hunter of the Month gets a silver round. The next Find of the Month competition will not be until March of 2005.

Promptness Prize Those who come on time and sign the log book, might win the drawing for a nice coin.

Karen Secor will talk about Ogden history, and what's the matter with Ogden, why it's different than other Utah cities.

Elections for new officers:

Raffle Drawing There will be over \$200 worth in prizes. Come to the meeting, buy some tickets, and have some fun.

Last Meeting

Twenty three people attended the NUTS meeting in October.
Doug Nyholm talked about collectable Mormon currency. Thanks Doug.

Up Coming Events

Nov 18 NUTS Meeting
Redwood Multipurpose Center 7:00 p.m.
(this meeting moved up one week to avoid Thanksgiving day)
Karen Secor will talk about the history of Ogden

Dec 30 NUTS Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Golden Corral, 3399 W.3500 S, West Valley City
(this will be the fifth Thursday of December)

Find of the Month Winners For October

US COIN
1953 Quarter
Isaac Gold

FOREIGN COIN
One cash, Chinese coin
Leo Vera

TOKEN (tie)
S+O G/F 12 1/2
Mel Milgram
SLC Transportation G/F Child Fare
Leo Vera

JEWELRY
Man silver + jade ring
Mel Milgram

ARTIFAC
Women's hair pin
Paul Sain

BUTTON (tie)
Turq. button
Mel Milgram
Brass button
Isaac Gold
Crown B&L brand
Karen Secor
Military button
Leo Vera

NON-METAL

Car bottle
Leo Vera

BOTTLE

American Fork bottling works bottle
Leo Vera

MARBLE (tie)

Old Bennington bottom level
Paul Sain
Bennington
Mel Milgram

VALUABLE COIN

1906 Indian head cent
Isaac Gold

OLDEST US CENT

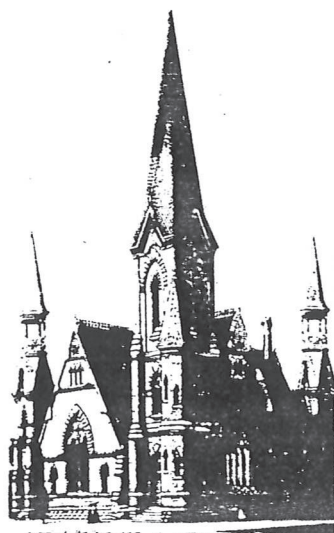
1864 Indian head cent
Leo Vera

OLDEST US COIN

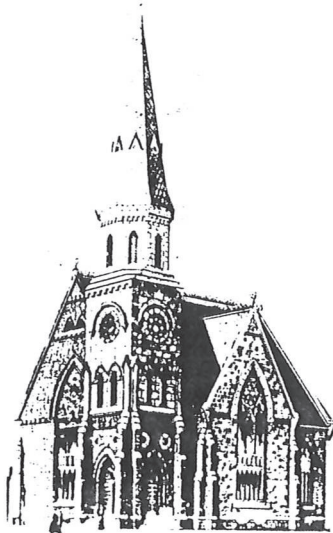
1900 Barber Quarter
Karen Secor

Total points until October:

Charles Comstock = 14 Pts
Mary Erickson = 02 Pts
Isaac Gold = 26 Pts
Ty Lamph = 56 Pts
Mel Milgram = 29 Pts
Boy D. Pickering = 07 Pts
Paul Sain = 168 Pts
Rich Secor = 120 Pts
Karen Secor = 155 Pts
Leo Vera = 273 Pts



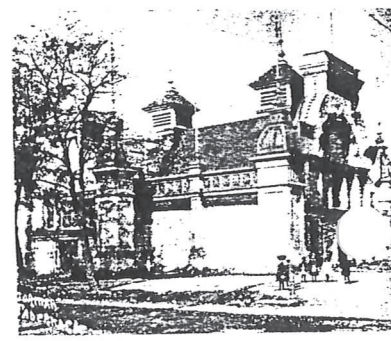
Catholic Church



Architect's drawing of Presbyterian church

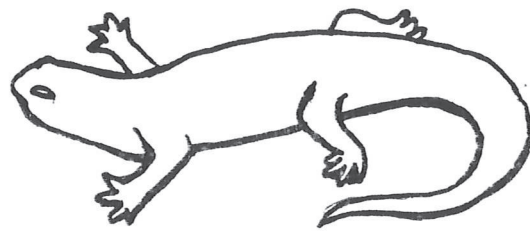


First Methodist Episcopal Church



OLDEN PRESENT-DAY TABERNACLE

The Salamander Report



Where was the hotel? Where were the saloons? The clues left by the rows of rocks and bricks were confusing. We finally found main street. We had walked over it many times, but failed to put two and two together. There were adjoining foundations, some with basements. One had a big pile of bricks near the back, perhaps the remains of a bank vault. In front of the row of foundations was a walkway covered with cinders.

Rich and I started screening under the cinders, digging down to hardpan at about 2 ½ feet. We spent all afternoon digging a 3-foot wide trench about 20 foot long, next to the front of the foundations. We found very few artifacts in this dirt, but what made it worthwhile was the coins, 7 on all, dated 1890 to 1910.

Suddenly Rich jumped back. There struggling in the loose dirt was a salamander. It's been 40 or 50 years since I've seen a real live salamander, but it was unmistakable, about 6 inches long, a gray-green color, with faint banding on it's back. If I hadn't seen it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed that salamanders could survive out in the Wyoming desert. But there he was. This was not a lizard. It's skin was not dry and scaly like a lizard, but smooth and shiny like a frog.

Salamanders normally live in the east, in deciduous forests under the thick layer of fallen leaves on the forest floor. They are also commonly seen in caves and wet basements and cellars.

The little fellow was surprised to be suddenly out in the bright light, and was a bit groggy. I knew he couldn't survive for long out in the hot sun and dry air. I wanted to move him to the bottom of one of the old basement holes where the ground was still wet from the rain of a few days ago.

Not to say that I'm squeamish about touching creepy crawly things, but I chose to scoop him up with the shovel to fling him into the old basement. It took several tries, cause he was just lively enough to crawl away each time I pushed the shovel under him.

With the salamander safely out of the way, we continued screening, and found a few more silver dimes.

Eventually exhaustion overcomes excitement. You know there's more coins, but you haven't found any in the last few screens, and there's soup and Doritos waiting in the camper.

I didn't sleep well that night. Would the salamander survive? I wasn't too rough with him was I? The mattress was too hard. Where did those people hide their treasures? How deep is it buried? We had to go home the next afternoon.

Frost covered the camper windows in the morning, but my mind was clear. I understood the story of main street. Someone had dug and screened in front of those stores before us. That's why the dirt was loose, and the cinders were on the surface, and that was why the only place we found coins was at the 2 1/2 foot depth, where the previous treasure hunters had failed to scrape the hard pan. All we had to do was to dig a bit further away from the foundations, at the edge of the walkway, out where the horses were tied, where the big sage grew undisturbed. A salamander is a good omen.

Obviously, Rich was not as inspired as me. He went off to another junk pile, leaving me to find the treasure alone. I dug out 2 large old sage bushes, and made a hole 3 foot wide, 3 foot deep and 6 foot long. It took me that much effort to admit that I was wrong. I had found nothing.

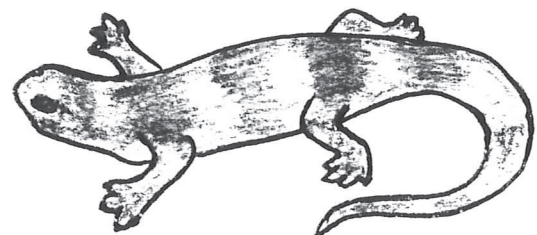
With only 2 hours left before we had to load up and go home, I took my screen and shovel over toward the residential part of town, taking samples here and there. I found a few marbles, and at one place, several cork-top medicine bottles—broken of course. But, in among them was a glass eye. It was too large to be a doll's eye, concave shaped, like an extra large contact lens. When I cleaned it, and looked into it's depths, the detail was so lifelike, it was eerie. The iris was blue, with a touch of brown right next to the deep black pupil. *In the white part, radiating toward the edges, were tiny red blood vessels.* A real glass eye! I could dig for 8 hours a day every day for the rest of my life, and never find another. I was all set for Halloween.

A few weeks later, someone more experienced with prosthetic eyes than me said my glass eye must be from a large doll, or a manikin. Eyes made for humans were actually not glass, but made from a kind of ceramic. They were solid and egg-shaped.

The moral to this story:

**Never trust a salamander,
no matter what color he is.**

Karen



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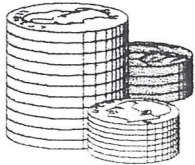
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